GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ECO-DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand to develop Eco-development schemes for development of Papikonda Sanctuary;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to suggest or develop eco-development schemes for such sanctuaries in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Non-Governmental Organisations and other activists are encouraged to suggest ways and means to protect wildlife; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps proposed to develop such sanctuaries through Eco-Development Schemes ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)&(b) During the year 2000-2001 Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal for sanction of Rs 5.50 Lakhs for various activities for eco-development in and around the sanctuary. The proposal included setting up of Bio-gas, inoculation of cattle, construction of community hall, education and awareness programme, printing of brochures, providing drinking water for cattle, training the youth in alternative vocation, etc. The State was asked to reframe the proposal in such a way that the sanction of the project can have perceivable impact in the area. Revised proposal has not been received from the State Government.

(c) Yes , Sir.

(d) According to the guidelines governing the Eco-development Scheme the Eco-development Committee should include representatives of Co-Operative Departments, N.G.O. involved and concerned Gram Panchayat leaders. Since Eco-Development scheme is aimed primarily at the welfare of the forest communities it is necessary to involve N.G.Os with proven track record.